

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. South Vietnam

a. Saigon is quiet but uneasy following the quick collapse of yesterday's coup attempt.

b. Coup troops have been withdrawn from the capital. We do not yet know the terms of the bargain struck between Khanh supporters and the Phat-Duc group.

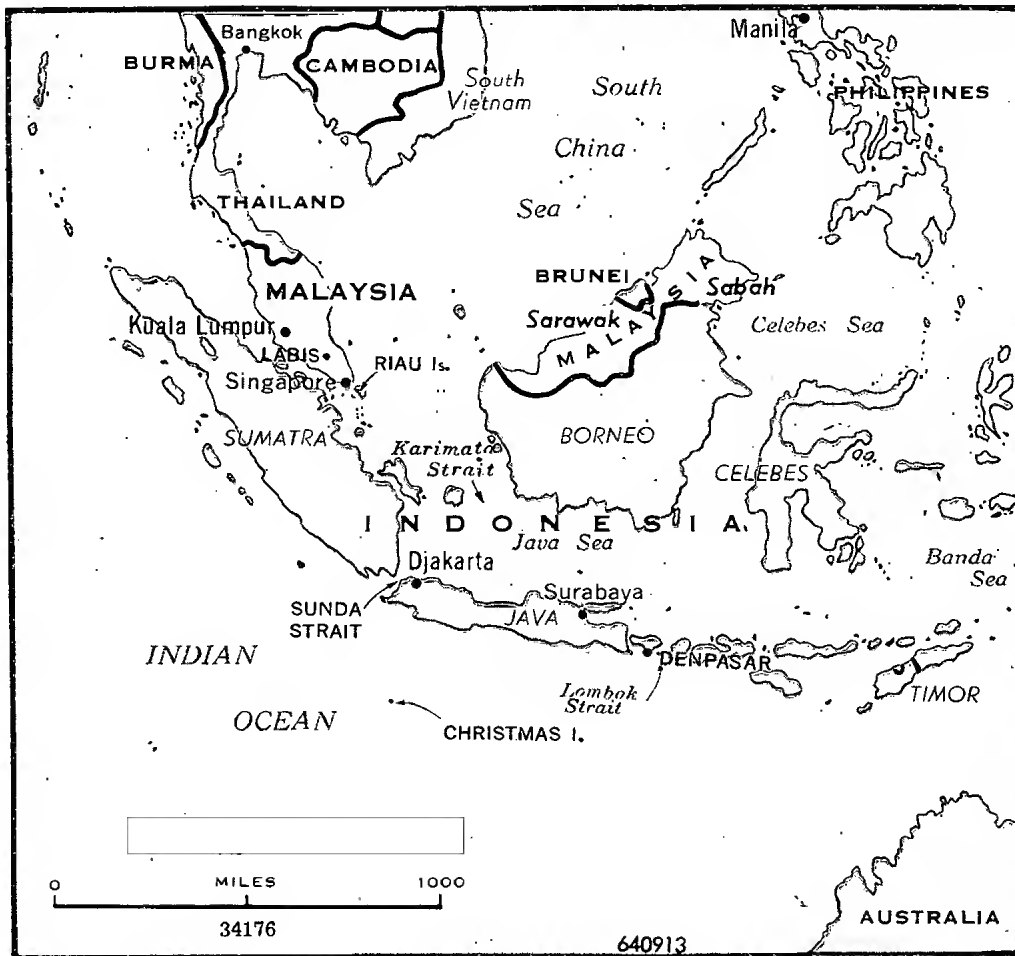
c. Duc indicated at one point that one of his chief conditions for surrender would be the retirement from the army of the four "Dalat generals." Their return to active duty by Khanh was apparently one of the coup group's key grievances.

d. Duc, who impressed those who saw him yesterday [redacted] also asked for assurances that the coup generals could keep their posts.

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e. Yesterday's effort failed largely because the coup forces, although they occupied key facilities in Saigon, failed to attract other military units to their banner. Generals Minh and Khiem rallied to Khanh as did the commanders of the air force, navy and airborne and marine units.

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f. Though the power play died aborning, it demonstrated tangibly the feeling of a number of military leaders that Khanh has gone too far in conciliating the Buddhists. It leaves Khanh with the still formidable task of balancing these feelings against Buddhist demands.

2. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK

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b. Sukarno now will probably go ahead with plans to depart later this week on another of his junkets about the world.

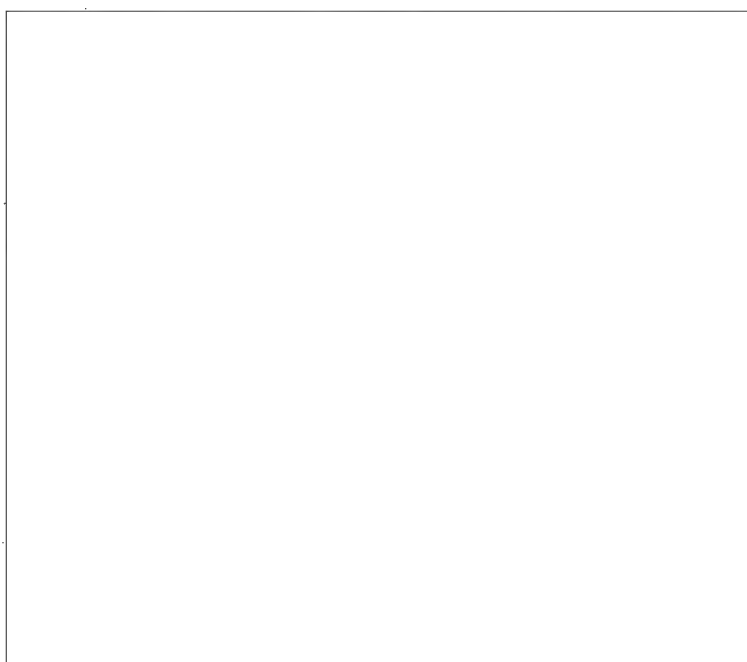
c. His absence will not preclude further small-scale raids and airdrops in northern Borneo or on the Malay Peninsula. Any such action could trigger a British-Malaysian response.

d. Embassy London is convinced that a UK cabinet decision has already been made to retaliate promptly if the Indonesians hit the peninsula again with a significant force. The Foreign Office says we would be informed in advance.

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g. In Indonesia, both Sukarno and Subandrio have promised to do something to abate the anti-Americanism rampant there.

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### 3. Cyprus


a. The situation in the Turkish community at Kokkina has improved as a result of yesterday's emergency air lift of food and other supplies.

b. This is only a temporary solution, however, since UN stocks will not be able to bear the added load for long. There is still the prospect of trouble over how further supply will be accomplished.

c. Last night the Greek Cypriots claimed they spotted six Turkish ships off Kokkina. One was said to be a submarine since it "kept disappearing."

d. We have no knowledge of this, though the Turks last week threatened to put supplies ashore directly at this point. We do know that two Turkish jets flew over the area yesterday afternoon, probably in an effort to bolster the sagging morale of the Turkish Cypriots there.

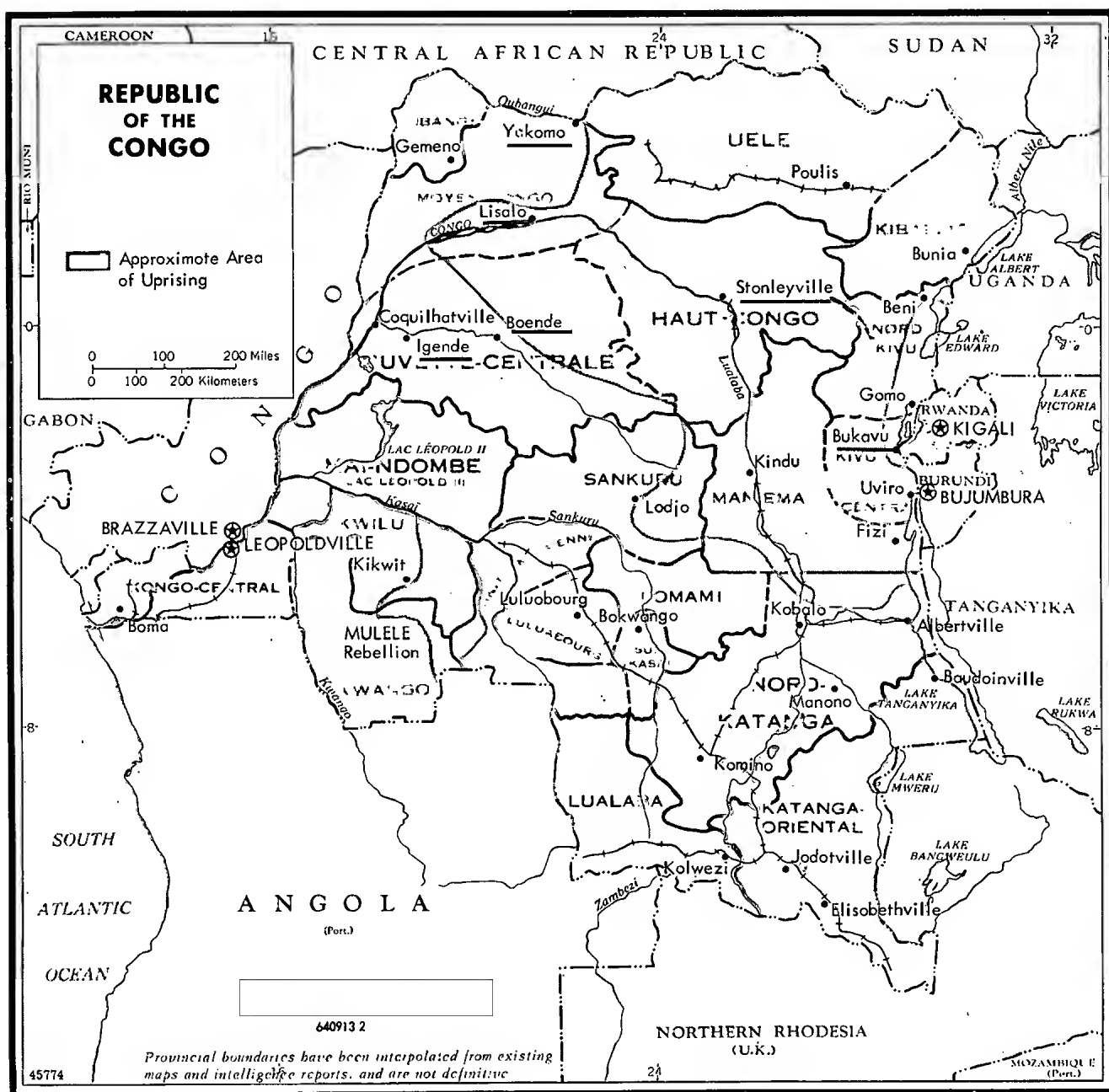
e. Continued Greek Cypriot pressures in this area could lead to a new clash.

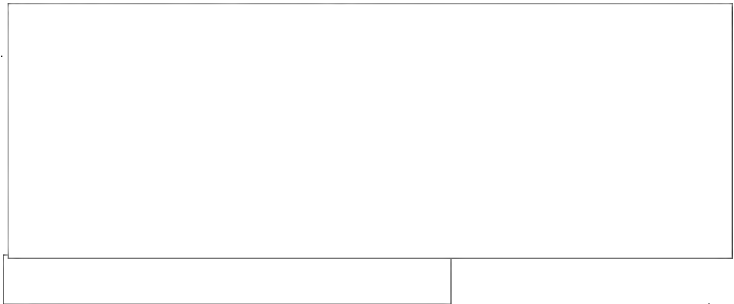


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f. Beginning Wednesday, Greek nationals will be expelled from Turkey as their resident permits expire. Some 6,000 will be involved in this phased exodus.

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#### 4. Congo

a. Tshombé is back from the OAU glowing with confidence and anticipating rapid victories to consolidate his government politically and militarily.

b. The military situation does in fact look better.

c. Government B-26s have been active in the Coquilhatville area and may even have forced the rebels to abandon Boende to the east. One small band of mercenaries has pushed out of Coquilhatville in this direction.

d. Spirits in Coquilhatville, itself near panic last week, have been buoyed by this display of initiative. They have also been lifted by the visit of Justin Bomboko, the leading political figure of the area who promised "food and beer" and urged that rebels be "shot on sight."

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e. Rebel forces are still  
in the field

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f. The evidence accumulates  
that the political opportunists  
who make up the rebel political  
command are as dissension torn  
as ever. We have heard that Gbenye,  
the nominal headman in Stanley-  
ville, has been set upon by a hos-  
tile crowd and injured.

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NOTES

- A. USSR Cosmos 45, launched Sunday morning, appears to be another military reconnaissance satellite. These have been launched at a rate of at least one a month since April to take advantage of the favorable photographic weather from spring to fall.
- B. Non-Aligned Conference Invitations have gone out from Cairo to some 56 nations for the second conference of the heads of nonaligned nations which is to begin 5 October.
- C. USSR-Japan The Soviets have followed up last week's protest, which charged that the US was using Japan to support aggression in Vietnam, with a new note warning Japan that it was opening itself to retaliation by permitting US nuclear submarines to enter Japanese ports.
- D. Japan - Communist China The Japanese Government has agreed to exchange newsmen with Communist China. The initial exchanges could take place later in the month. The agreement is apt to prove embarrassing to Tokyo since the Chinese newsmen will doubtless be used for political agitation.
- E. Cambodia-US The Cambodian Government, citing what it calls a new wave of anti-American feeling, has asked that the presentation of Ambassador Kidder's credentials to Sihanouk be postponed indefinitely. The Cambodians have also suggested that the chargé leave the country and another chargé be named.

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